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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS SOUTH EXERCISE

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- $\P1$. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.
- 12. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean military personnel who have been nominated to participate in U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than August 29.
- 13. (SBU) The proposed training is the Peace Keeping Operations South Exercise, to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, between September 1 and September 13, 2008. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidates appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

Rodrigo Marcelo TORO Guinez, Lieutenant, Chilean Army, 05/28/1981, Chillan, 14.027.404-6

Javier Jesus RODRIGUEZ Quiroz, Staff Sergeant, Chilean Army, 12/18/1958, Concepcion, 8.249.165-1

Valeria Paz PUENTES Venegas, Private First Class, Chilean Army, 06/24/1987, Los Angeles, 16.674.228-5

Jose Alberto SAEZ Carvajal, Petty Office First Class, Chilean Navy, 10/21/1964, Vina del Mar, 9.507.664-5

14. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance with this request. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidates have been involved in gross human rights violations.

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